Departments and Voluntary Organisations. Based on the goals set in the World Summit, the Working Group has prepared a Draft National Programme of Action on Children which covers areas of health and nutrition of children, maternal health, education, safe drinking water and improved access to sanitary means of excreta disposal.

Express Train between Madras and Pondicherry

4271. SHRI K. RAMAMURTHEE TINDIVANAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the express train running between Madras and Pondicherry *via* Villupuram has been cancelled;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the train is likely to be restored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) due to lack of traffic justification.

(c) does not arise.

Trains Cancelled in Orissa

4272. SHRI SRIKANATA JENA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the trains cancelled during the last three years in Orissa;

(b) the reasons for cacellation of those trains; and

(c) whether the Government propose to restore them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 2 NG/3 NG Naupada-Gunupur Passenger.

(b) Poor patronisation.

(c) No, Sir.

Construction of Women Schools/ Solleges and Hostels in Rural Areas

4273. SHRI SHANKARRAO KALE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide financial assistance for the construction of buildings for womens' schools/colleges and hostels in rural areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no scheme in this Ministry for providing assistance for construction of buildings for womens' schools. However, University Grants Commission provides, *inter-alia*, financial assistance to womens' colleges including those located in rural areas, for construction of class rooms, libraries, womens' hostels, teachers hostels etc. as a part of development assistance during a plan period. 100% grant is provided for the construction of womens' hostels and grant for womens' colleges and colleges located in rural areas is sanctioned in relaxation of the eligibility conditions of student enrollment and teachers strength.

Sports Hostels

4274. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sports hostels in the country and since when they are functioning;

(b) whether these hostels are set up to impart training to young sportsmen and athletes to improve their performance; and

(c) the extent to which the purpose has been achieved?